

Episode #36 – Interview with Dr. Allison: Research on SARS-CoV-2 and Canadian Dental and Dental Hygiene Schools May 14, 2021

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Dr. Allison gained his dental degree (BDS) from University College London (UK) in 1986. He then pursued specialist training in oral and maxillo-facial surgery and in dental public health and in 1994 moved to McGill University in Montreal and completed his PhD in 1998. He became a professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University, in 1999. He became Director of the Quebec-based Oral and Bone Health Research Network during the period 2005-08 and served two five-year mandates as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill during 2008-18. He was President of the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry during 2015-19 and President of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS)[1] during 2019-20. He is currently on the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).[2]

Dr. Allison's research interests include psychosocial and social determinants of oral health and oral health care, including issues of access to health care. In 2014, he chaired a CAHS panel that published a report on improving access to oral health care.[3] More recently, he was an author in a *The Lancet* series on oral health[4] and is a member of the Lancet Commission on Global Oral Health.[5] He has recently become heavily involved in various COVID-19 pandemic research projects.

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